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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1871

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GE, GW

SUBJECT: NEW INTERNATIONAL DESIGNATION FOR GDR AUTOS

REF: BERLIN A-237

1. REFAIRGRAM REPORTED GDR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1974, ALL VEHICLES REGISTERED IN EAST GERMANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY DESIGNATION "DDR" WHEN TRAVELLING ABROAD INSTEAD OF "D" SYMBOL USED HERETOFORE. SENAT HAS SUGGESTED TO ALLIED MISSIONS THAT THEY SHOULD PROTEST APPLICATION OF NEW REGULATION TO EAST BERLIN VEHICLES, INASMUCH AS IT WOULD RUN COUNTER TO GREATER BERLIN THEORY.

2. WE BELIEVE NEW DESIGNATIONS MIGHT BE TOLERATED, AS WE HAVE NUMEROUS OTHER AFFRONTS THAT HAVE GONE ALONG WITH EAST BERLIN'S DE FACTO INCORPORATION INTO GDR, WERE IT NOT FOR POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL  
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REPERCUSSIONS AFFECTING WEST BERLIN VEHICLE ENTERING

INTO EAST BERLIN. SENAT FORESEE POSSIBILITY THAT ONCE  
REGULATION ON DDR SYMBOL IS IN FORCE, EAST GERMANS  
MAY INSIST THAT WEST BERLIN VEHICLES USE SEPARATE  
DESIGNATOR, E.G., "WB"

3. SHOULD EFFORT BE MADE TO RESTRICT WEST BERLIN  
TRAFFIC, WE AGREE THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE SOLID BASIS FOR  
APPROPRIATE ACTION UNDER TERMS OF BOTH QA AND QD.  
WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE REGULATION AFFECTING ONLY  
EAST GERMAN VEHICLES CALLS FOR HIGH-POWERED DEMARCHE,  
WE SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE WITH FUTURE  
CONTINGENCIES IN MIND TO REGISTER ORAL STATEMENT  
WITH SOVIET EMBASSY TO EFFECT THAT USE OF NATIONAL  
DESIGNATOR BY VEHICLES REGISTERED IN EAST BERLIN IN  
NO WAY CAN BE REGARDED AS AFFECTING STATUS OF CITY.  
SAME POINT MIGHT ALSO BE MADE IN GAUS-KOHN CHANNEL.KLEIN

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